

money from the Social Security trust fund, it is going to be in the form of marketable Treasury bills rather than the blank IOUs that we have been using in the past.

If the current revenue spending stream continues, it would mean, for the first time in many years, we could have a balanced budget without considering the \$90 billion borrowed from Social Security. It is the right track, and we need to keep on that track by passing H.R. 4033. Let us be very honest and clear, borrowing from the Social Security should not be considered revenue and the amount borrowed should be secured by marketable Treasury bills rather than the existing politically dependent nonmarketable IOUs.

STANDING UP FOR NEIGHBORHOODS

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, our Nation exists not simply as a collection of 50 States. The fabric of America is woven through tens of thousands of neighborhoods, the place where we were born, where we grew up, where we live, where we hope to spend the rest of our days.

Those neighborhoods contain familiar landmarks, houses, small businesses, a drugstore here, a restaurant there, places where we gather, where we socialize, where we meet our friends.

Recently the Rite Aid Corporation has been acquiring key corner properties in the Cleveland area and knocking out homes, small businesses, offices and landmarks so that they might become the most profitable drugstore chain. Rite Aid clearly does not care about neighborhood history, about the quality of communities.

One site they acquired, a neighborhood crossroads, was left vacant, weed-strewn and vandalized and littered with debris for a year and a half.

America must stand up for its neighborhoods. Do not patronize businesses which do not respect a neighborhood's history.

ON MANAGED CARE, TEEN SMOKING, AND TAXES

(Mr. EWING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, we have heard some pretty stiff language in this House this morning concerning managed care, teenage smoking, taxes.

Let us look at the real facts. Managed care can be improved and the Republican Party has a plan to do that. But it is not socialized medicine, that is what the other side wants.

Teenage smoking, we have a plan to address teenage smoking. We all agree on that. Yet the other side has a plan

also, a \$500 billion, \$600 billion plan that grows government and is again a very socialistic approach to teenage smoking.

Capital gains, we have proven that capital gains increases the revenue to this government. The other side would raise taxes, not lower taxes. The real difference is how to accomplish what is needed for America.

The other side believes it is big government, more spending. We believe we have to use our money more wisely, reform government where necessary, and encourage personal responsibility. Those are the answers.

HEALTH CARE

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago I received a letter from a woman in Iowa. She was kicked out of the hospital less than 24 hours after undergoing breast cancer surgery, only to go home in pain and to develop painful infections.

She remarked in her letter how her family dog broke his leg and they took him to the vet. The veterinarian kept the dog for four days. She writes, and I quote, "A dog receives better health care than a woman." She is right, and it is a disgrace.

My bill to provide breast cancer patients with 48 hours in the hospital has been included in the Democratic Patients' Bill of Rights. But the Republican leadership refuses to bring this bill to the floor of the House for a vote.

The GOP seems to be more concerned with protecting the profits of the health insurance industry than protecting the quality of health care for American families. Our pets should not be getting better health care than our families.

It is time to pass the Patients' Bill of Rights.

CONGRATULATIONS CHICAGO BULLS

(Mr. COOK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, if I could have the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) come up and join me, a year ago I came to the House floor to pay off a bet with the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON). I bet him that the Utah Jazz would beat the Bulls. I lost. My payment was a floor speech honoring the Chicago Bulls.

Last night, in preparation for this speech, I dug out that speech I gave last year and I remembered a vaunting conclusion. I was right. My closing words were, "We will see you next year, Mr. Jackson. But next year the results will be different."

Well, it is next year and I am back again, a broken man. I have learned a

very important lesson about the evils of betting. And during the playoffs, we all learned a lesson in stamina, commitment and inner strength from the master himself, Michael Jordan.

I agree with Time magazine's assessment this week that what we have seen in Mr. Jordan during his remarkable career we may never see again. I heartily congratulated the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) on winning this and would like to present this from Scottie Pippen to the gentleman and congratulate him again on an outstanding home team and their sixth National Basketball Association Title.

This is a team that has set the standard in basketball for decades to come. And if there ever is another team like them, I hope I have learned to quit betting against them.

ON THE CHICAGO BULLS AND THE UTAH JAZZ

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the most honorable gentleman from Utah for his most gracious concession speech.

Those of us in Chicago spent a lot of time on the edge of our seats. As a matter of fact, we had to put our hospital emergency rooms on alert because so many of our people were about to have heart attacks thinking that Utah might win.

Well, the fact of the matter is that they are both great and outstanding basketball teams who gave America many delights and many thrills. So we want to congratulate the Utah Jazz for being superworthy opponents, and we want to acknowledge their great contribution to the game of basketball.

We want to thank Scottie Pippen, who happens to be my home boy. We both grew up in the State of Arkansas, 12 miles from each other, and I want to thank Scottie for this basketball.

But I also want to make a presentation to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. COOK) so that he will always remember that the Chicago Bulls are indeed number one and that Chicago is a first class city and a world class town.

So on behalf of the Chicago Bulls and all of the people of Chicago, I want to present to the gentleman this Chicago Bulls cap to keep forever and forever and I thank him so very much.

ON THE PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is tough to move from basketball back to health care. Perhaps the connection is that last night the congressional baseball game was held and it was injury free, a very remarkable feat.